BROCKWAY CENTRE. - MICH

### The Starry Heavens.

The Pons Brooks comet, first discovered in 1812 by Pons, and calculated to have a period of seventy-one years, was first seen this time by W. R. Brooks, at Phelps, N. Y., on the 1st of September, 1833, far in the north-west. It became visible to the naked eye in December, was quite easily seen in January, 1884, when it was in the northwest with a tail two or three de-grees long. Several persons on seeing it then and there thought they had found a new comet, and were surprised to learn that it was the old one discovered several months before. It soon after disappeared to the naked eye, but was reported to have been seen through the twelve-inch telescope at Cincinnati as late as April 3. Three comets were discovered in 1884, the first on Jan. 12, at Melbourne, Aus-tralia; but it was little and did not mount to much. The second one (comet B, 1884) was discovered by Edward Barnard at Nashville, Tenn. It was far in the south and not seen with the naked eye; hence not of much general interest. But Mr. B. himself was intensely interested with it. love of science would prompt this. And the fact of his getting \$200 for the discovery must also have been a mat-ter of interest to him. Its period of revolution around the sun is calculated to be about five and one-half years. The third-comet C, 1884-was discovered Sept. 17, by Dr. Wolfe, Zurich, Germany. It was just west of the constellation Pegasus, and moved southeasterly across the constellation. It hardly attained naked eye brightness. It is expected to return in six and two-thirds years. Ten asteroids of small planets have

been discovered within a year past. The first one, No. 236, was found on the 26th of April, by J. Palisa. Vienna. About two months later he discovered No. 237, which made him equal to the old veteran Peters, in the number of miner planets discovered-forty each. Of the remaining eight Palisa discovered four, and it took three or four different observers to find the other

The total eclipse of the moon, Oct. 4, 1884, visible in the eastern hemisphere, was a phenomenon of considerable interest. Commonly when the moon is eclipsed it presents a readish, copper colored glow, even when totally buried in the earth's shadow. On this occasion the moon was not only im-mersed in the shadow of the earth, but was nearly or quite entirely hid, making what is called a black eclipse. Such an occurance is very seldom. One was observed May 5, 1110, and a few since then,-the last one (before the late one) being on June 9, 1816. The cause is attributed to a peculiarly dense condition of our atmosphere, waich prevents the sun's rays from passing through and lighting up the lunar surface. It is possible that the Krakaton dust could have anything to do with it? I believe it is still the prevailing opinion among astronomers that something of the kind (volcanic dust) causes the red sunsets, or afterglows, which have excited so much interest for a year or two past. A brilliant fireglow was observed just before mounrisef on December 5, 1884, by W. R. Brooks, Phelps, N. Y. It was said to equal any of the sunglows he had witnessed. It was a rare and singular phenomenon.-Indianapolis

# The Sleep of Death.

The mode of death to which the animals are subject is that by anæsthesia, not by suffocation or asphyxia. Physiologically, there is a distinctive difference between these modes of death. Death by anæsthesia is death by sleep; death by asphyxia is death by deprivation of air. Death by anosthesia is typically represented in death by chloro-form; death by asphyxia is typhically represented in drowning, or in emersion in carbonic acid gas. When properly carried out, death by ancesthesia is by far the most certain and least violent of the two processes, although both are probably painless. It is worthy of record, however, that all animals are not equally susceptible to the action of the narcotic vapors. Cats, for instance, lie asleep much longer than dogs before they cease to breath. They fall into sleep as rapidly as dogs, but do not pass so quickly into the final sleep. There is a difference between different animals of the same kind. Some dogs die almost instantly-in fact as they fall asleep; others fall asleep and consleep for several minutes before they cease to live. In the first observations, before I had rendered narcotic atmosphere overpoweringly active for all cases, there were a few instances, nine in the first seven hundred, in which the animals slept on from half an hour until an hour after all their comrades had died. Finding out this strange peculiarity. increased the amount of narcotic vapor until all succumbed very nearly at the same minute, and in the last six thousand there has been no recurrence of the prolonged insensibility. The animals are now commonly all asleep in from two to three minutes, and have ceased to exist in a further period of the same duration. - Popular Science Monthly.

The Cost of Disinfecting Rags.

To disinfect rags costs about \$5 per ton. It is done in an air-tight box, into which each bale of rags is drawn by means of five screws, which at the same time make five perforations from end to end of the bale. Super-heated steam is injected through the screws, steam is injected through the screws, which are hollow and perforated with holes which permit jets of steam to penetrate through the rags in every direction. An escape in the upper part of the box is provided with a bath intended to intercept the passage of any disease germ into the air. Most germs of life are killed at a heat of 212 or 215 decrees but the steam of 212 or 215 degrees, but the steam employed in this process is raised to 330. An exposure of four or five minntes here heats the bale so that it takes two hours for it to fall below the germ-cide point of 212.—St. Louis Globe-

When a policeman marries he is in a very short time confronted by a great problem of his life, viz: Where to hide his club so that his wife can't find it. - Chicago Evening Sun.

An alligator 27 feet and 7 inches long wis row ntly cought out of Lake Wimlie. Florida, by Wyman Jones. He killed four dogs with one sweep his enormous tail after he had been dragged

## TO CORRESPONDENTS

## STATE NEWS.

State sanitary convention at Ypsilanti, June 30 and July 1 George W. Simpson, the first white settler of Mackinac City, is dead.

A brilliant meteor passed over the vicinity of Otisville a few nights since.

St. Joseph is going to enforce the Sunday law. Lively times are anticipated. If Godfrey Knight of Schoolcraft lives one year longer he will be a full fledged centena-

In the past three years the Alpena fish hatchery has turned loose 75,000,000 white

Gov. Swineford has selected W. P. Preston of St. Ignace, as secretary of the territory of Alaska.

The Macomb county pioneer society will meet in fifth annual session at Chesterfield June 10. The Pere Marquette lumber company at Ludington have struck rock salt at a depth of 2,200 feet.

The directors of the Hillsdale First National bank have added a savings department to that

Mrs. Lewis of Coldwater, denies any knowl edge of the project to remove the art gallery to Ann Arbor.

Ann Arbor.

A detective is still at work on the Crouch case, and he expresses a hope that he is on the right track now.

Albert Stebbins got \$2,000 verdict at Ionia for the loss of his leg while crossing a bridge with a traction engine.

Hon. Snilivan M. Cutcheon, United States district aborney for the eastern district of Michigan, has tendered his resignation.

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Among the recent important presidential appointments of interest to Michigan is that of Willard Stearns to be postmaster at Adrian.

Timothy Congolin has been convicted of killing the Perault boys near the Soo last March, and sentenced to 13 years at Jackson.

John Comptell was badly injured at the Delia humber company's mill in Manistique, while unloading logs from a log train. The man died the next morning.

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In the case of James Carr, tried for murder at Harrison last week, the jury disagreed. A change of venue has been granted and Carr admitted to ball in the sum of \$4,000.

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An appeal for aid has been issued by the president of the village of McBrides, in behalf of the homeless and penuliess ones made so by the recent disastrous fire in that place.

George Shank of Bay City, suddenly complained of pain in the chest and almost immediately thereafter expired. The cause is laid to an injury received about nine years ago.

A much welcome rain fell on the 19th inst. checking the fl. s which have wrought such havor in many places. The losses by forest fires this poring are unusually heavy.

burned on the 16th. Only two or three houses were left in the place. Twenty-one families were left homeless. The estimated loss is \$30,000. The village of Graffeville, near Stanton, was

Wilson, the Detroit murderer, who escaped from the prison in Jackson several mouths since, is in South America. He writes a long letter to a Derroit friend giving him a detailed account of his escape.

The tenth annual rennion of the Loomis bat-tery was held in Coldwater on the 20th inst., with a good attendance. Dr. J. W. Streeter of Chicago, outdo of the day. Banquet at the St. James hotel in the evening.

The Rev. Dr. Presides, president of Kalamazoo college, was visited by a burglar the other night who took \$250, all but \$25 of which Mr. Brooks was to use to pay a claim. The burglar entered by the cellar door.

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A stock company is about to be formed at Sheridan for the purpose of parchasing the Sheridan form mills and putting in a full roller process system of machinery, and otherwise putting the mill in first class shape.

Rev. William Doust, Methodist minister, died in Paw Paw recently after a long filness from pueumonia and dropsy. He was from England and had presched in this country 28 years. He was widely known in Michigan.

Sülley & Bearinger of Fast Saginay, hype

Subley & Bearinger of East Saginaw, have bought of Henry Gamble a tract of land in Ogeniaw county, directly back of the disputed Devoe dam, for \$105,000. It is estimated that they can cut from it 35,000,000 feet of

Arthur 1191 is president of a Saginaw City company with \$150,000 capital to prosecute the cattle business in the southwest. They have 9,000 heat of Towns cattle to be placed on their tract of 200,000 acres of leased lands in Indian territory.

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The executive committees of the Michigan state and western press associations at Lan-sing decided to hold a joint meeting at Traverse City, July 6.7, and indulge in an excursion to Charlevolx and Pestoskey, and partake of a

John Jurgenson of Lansing, sged 11, went with several other boys for a boat ride on Grand River. He dropped his handkerchief into the water, reachest for it, lost his balance, fell over-board and was drowned. His body was revov-ed some hours later.

Fire broke out in the lumber on the docks at Oscoda, Saturday, the 16th and before it was subdued many million feet of lumber were burned. Lees estimated at \$210,000. The same day 5,000,000 feet of lumber on the docks in Muskegon were destroyed at a loss of about \$50,000.

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John McCambridge, a lad of 15 years, attempted to board an engine that was switching cars, but missed his footing and fell beneath the wheels. His body was so terribly crushed that he died soon afterwards. The parents of the box live of Towl's mill, one mile north of Shoreldan. \$50,000 Sheridan.

Sheridan.

Angus Niggli, the victim of the murderous assault at Langston, near Greenville, has since died. He was unconscious from the time he was struck. At the post-mortem examination it was found that the skull had been fractured and the brain injured.

President Cleveland appointed Cyrenius P. Black of Tuscola county, district attorney for the castern district of Michigan, vice Satilivan M. Cutchesm, resigned. The adjointment was made in accordance with the request of the many friends of Mr. Black, and previously accessed to by Cleveland.

The editor of the Battle Creek Moon has a dog and made this argument after paying license for him. In Michigan they assess a dog \$1 for being a dog. In Tennessee they assess a man 50 certs to become a doctor. It costs heluf a tollar more to be a dog in Michigan than a doctor in Tennessee. Don't be a dog."

Prof. E. A. Strong of the Grand Rapids high school has accepted the chair of physical sciences in the Normal, which becomes vacant by Prof. McClouds going to the sgricultural college. Prof. Lonis McClouth has been offered the princip. Ichin of the Normal school by the bound of education, but has refused the offer.

A movel'; it came a meeting management will be carried and at the national cump meeting at Lansing June 13 to 21. Instead of the usual camp boarding sheat: a hotel will be kept on the ground, with all the hotel necommodations. Geo. Mull. long of the "Sherwood house, Charlotte, has been engaged to personally superintend the hotel on the ground.

Mrs. Wm. Lazenby of Sturgis set a bench wringer with two tub of clothes, without water in them, upon it in front of the stove. She then placed her beby on the floor and went over to a neighbor's. A spark flew from the stove into the tub, sot the clothes on fire, and burned them up with tubs and wringer, and when discovered the child was accurly sufficented.

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When rowing from a fishing excursion on Saginsw bay, Mr. H. S. Musselman of Lake township, Huron county, dropped his oars and remarked, "I feel played out." His comrade brought the boat to the shore, where Mr. Musselman died in a few minutes. Apoplexy is supposed to be the couse. Deceased was an early pioneer of Huron county and had been a leading man is his neighborhood.

The ninth annual convention of the Michigan State Eclectric Medical Association was held in Albion. It will meet next year in Lansing. The following are the officers for next year: President—W. B. Church, Marshall; vice presidents—Ches. Lainorcaux, Fowlerville; Ed. Parmeter, Albion; Sarsh Switzer, Tekonsha; secretary—H. S. McMaster, Dowagiac; treasurer—W. W. Kaston Dowagiac.

Mrs. Raynow of Sherdan, is under arrest, charged with having set fire to Andrew Gles-

son's residence, two miles southeast of Sheri-dan. The fire was discovered in time to pre-vent much damage; but preparations had been made for an effective piece of work, and the flames were started at a point that would have cut of escape from the upper story, where six children and the hired girl were alsening.

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Archibald Millspaugh of Albion, claims 160 acres of land in Cook county, Illinois, upon which a burge portion of the town of Pullman stands. Mr. Millspaugh sets forth that the land was granted to his granifather for services in the war of 1812, and that the quit-claim deed made by the Millspaugh heirs to Thomas and William McEwan, from whom the Pullman company received their title, was obtained through misrepresentation.

Prosecuting Attorney Champion of Branch county, is the owner of a freak in the shape of a colt perfectly formed with the exception of the head, which is a curiosity. Two large sightless eyes, close together, are in the center of the forehead, and, being without cyclids, present a fearful sight. The under jaw is remarkably long and curved upward; there is no jaw or nostrils, there being simply a small breathing hole in the center of the nose or face. The tongue is very long and much exposed.

posed.

Mrs. Joseph Smith of Manistee, aged 83 years, was run over by the afternoon express and killed. She had been spending a few hours at her daughter's and was returning home along the railroad track. The train slackened up its speed and the old lady stepped aside, but it is supposed that she became bewildered, for she stepped back again on the center of the track just before the engine got opposite her. Mrs. Smith was one of the oldest settlers of Manistee, having moved there some forty-five years ago.

A frightful accident happened the other afternoon at the Grand Trunk crossing of the Holden road, in Detroit, resulting in the instant death of Elijah Smith and wife, who were stant death of Elijah Smith and wife, who were attempting to drive across the railroad tracks. It seems that two trains were coming in op-posite directions. Smith had his eye on a Bay City train, and failed to see the Grand Trunk train or hear its approach until too late to save himself. The wagon was pulverized, and the mangled bodies of the two old people hurled in-to the ditch.

### THE LAW MAKERS.

May 19.—Senate.—The following bills passed: Making an appropriation for improvements at the state house of correction; establishing a board of building inspectors for Detroit; amending section 6109, Howell, relative to adjournment of sales of real estate on executions; amending section 8020, Howell, relative to attachment. The greater part of the morning session was devoted to considering the Ford capital punishment bill as a special order and the afternoon was spent in work in committee of the whole. Adjourned.

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House—The following passed unless otherwise noted: To consolidate the laws relative to prisons, laid on the table; for uniformisy of the accounts of superintendents of the poor lost; amending the general highway laws passed; incorporating the schools of Fenton to prevent injury or destruction of baggage: regulating the transportation and yarding of Texas cattle; for a revision of the practice of the law—referred back to the committee on Ways and Means; amending the general plank road act—passed: making an appropriation for improvement of Dowagiac Creek; proposing an amendment to section 28, schedule of the Constitution, relative to the Governor's appointments; amending laws relative to offenses against tion, relative to the Governor's appointments; amending laws relative to offenses against property to stand as section 9176, A. Howell, amending section 915, Howell, relative to pay of troops; relative to appointment of an Assist ant Prosecuting Attorney in Wayne County; relative to a cemetery in Park Township. St Joseph County; relative to petit jurors in Upper Peninsula—passed; for the sale of the Jacksor County fair ground. After considering many bills in committee of the whole the House adjourned.

May 20.—Senate—All after the enacting clause was struck out in the bill to establish the penalty of death by hanging for convictions of the crime of murder in the first degree. This action taken in committee of the whole was not concurred in by the Senate, but the bill was indefinitely postponed; yeas 16, pays 15. Adjourned. Adjourned.
 House.—The board of state auditors report.

House.—The board of state auditors reported that, in accordance with the instruction of the House, it had obtained estimates on the cost of lighting the capitol buildings and grounds with electricity. It would cost from \$20,000 to \$31,000 for the plant and about \$550 per year to maintain it. Bills passed: appropriating \$6,000 for the purchase of books for the state library; appropriating \$50,000 for current expenses, \$11,900 for improvem also for the Michigan school for the blind: appropriating \$300 for the publication of proceedings of the Michigan superintendents of the paor for two years; appropriating \$23,250 for locating and furnishing the asylum for insane criminals at Ionia; detaching territory from Springwells and Hamtramek

asyum for insane criminals at fonia; detaching territory from Springwells and Hamtramek and attaching it to Detroit. Adjourned.

May 21.—Senate—The minority representation bill was taken from the table and passed over the governor's veto. Senate bill giving women citizens the right of suffrage in municipal elections, was lost, vote reconsidered and the motion tabled; the bill creating Sumner young out of territory taken from Chebovyan

the motion tabled; the bill creating Summer county out of territory taken from Cheboygan and Presque Isle counties was also lost. The Senate concurred in the House amendments to the bill extending the territory of the city of Detroit—25 to 1. Adjourned.

House—The following bills passed on third reading unless otherwise noted: Amending Sec. 38-77 lows, relative to inventory and collection of the effects of deceased persons; to encourage the construction of wire fences on public highways; amending constitution rela-

Sec. 5877 How., relative to inventory and collection of the effects of deceased persons; to encourage the construction of wire fences on public highways; amending constitution relative to suffrage. Adjourned.

May 22-88 exarg—The following bills passed unless otherwise noted: Incorporating Tawas City; amending charter of Port Huron, provision annexing Ft. Gratiot struck out and bill laid on table; confirming to Martha M. Ingalls the sale of certain swamp lands formerly made to her and now comprising a portion of the city of Menomine, passed; reincorporating Pontiae; to amend the constitution relative to drain commessioners indefinitely postponed; to prohibit the use of the words "waranty deed" in deeds not warranted, passed; reincorporating Alpena. Adjourned.

Horse—Bills passed: Amending the Jackson—city charter: amending sec. 4360-1, Howell, relative to suits in circuit courts against mutual benefit co-operative or benevolent associations; establishing a home for disabled soldlers, sailors and marines; prohibiting the payment of wages in ser p or store orders; to provide for the continuance of actions in justices courts in case of inability or negligence on the part of the justice; making an appropriation for the part of the justice; making an appropriation for the university; amending sec. 5029, Howell, revising and consolidating the public instruction and primary school laws; relative to school districts in Tuscola county fixing the liability of sureties on public bonds, was lost, vote reconsidered and bill tabled. The governor noted his approval of the following acts: Providing for the conqualisty reform education of premise disorderly persons; making appropriation for the confidence of correction; amending section 1, Howell, relative to recording and vacating town plats. Mr. Wilson offered a resolution to grant the use of tents for the Knights Templar encampenent at Grand Rapids. Laid over one day. A resolution was offered and adopted, the Senate also concurring, expressing the confidence of the legislatu

Proclamation by the Governor.

Whereas, The 3rth day of May is a holiday set apart by law for the commemoration of patriotic dead; therefore:

I, Russell A. Alg.r., tiovernor of Michigan, do call upon all citizens of the State to express upon that occasion their grateful remembrance of the services of our army and navy; and I invite all comrades of the Grand Arney of the Republic, all soldiers and sations of the late war, the State troops and all civic societies to do honor to the memory of those who surrendered only to the last ice, by parades and ceremonies appropriate to Decoration Day.

Done at the Capitol this 20th day of May, 1885.

BEYOND THE SEAS.

A General Epitome of Foreign News.

After five hours' bloody fighting at Armenia, town of Salvador, the revolutionists were outed by the Salvadorean troops and many of

A sentry at a powder magazine at Chatham. Eng., was found dead with a bullet hole through the lungs. It is thought to be a case of suicide.

It is reported that Canton will be fortified and that three first-class fortresses will be erected on the frontiers of Tonquin by Ger-man engineers which will probably be officer-ed by Germans.

Commons amending the purchase clauses of the land act. The design of this measure is to bridge the chasm existing between the govern-ment and the Parnelites.

A halt has been called in the departure of the English troops from the Soudan. the English troops from the Soudan.

A fire was discovered a few nights since in the Mon Bijou palace in Berlin, once occupied as a residence by Frederick the Great, and now used as a museum. Before the flames could be extinguished the roof and attic of the building were destroyed. The works of art and relies were save, many of them, however, in a damaged condition.

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A battle is expected to occur between El Mahdi and the rival False Prophet. The latter is reported to have a strong following.

Gen. Wolseley has announced the withdrawal of troops from the Soudan.

The British government will send a medical mission to Spain to test the results of the system of inoculation with cholera microbes. The London Daily News asserts that the dif-ferences between England and Russia con-cerning the Afghan froatier are of only second-ary importance, and do not imperil a settle-ment.

Ottawa lawyers say Riel will be tried for reason-felony under the treason-felony act of Hostile Arabs are doing all they can to prevent the building of the Suakim Berber railroad.

Russia is constructing batteries at all strate-gic points along the gulf of Finland. Large orders have been issued for gun carriages. The revised version of the old Testament was given to the London newspapers on the 13th, and the general public the following

Over 4,7000 persons in Valencia, Spain, have been inoculated with cholera microbes by Dr. Ferran, and the disease is disappearing. Dr. Ferran expects to visit England in a few weeks. The exar has issued a ukase ordering the Russian language to be taught in all the provinces on the Baltic, and that it shall entirely supersede German, thus aiming to Russianize the old Polish provinces.

Burton and Cunningham, the men arrested for complicity in the late dynamite, explosions

for complicity in the fate dynamite explosions in London, and tried on a charge of treason felony, have been convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for life.

Imprisonment for life.

The Oblate fathers of Montreal have received a letter from Mgr. Grandin, bishop of the Northwest, stating that the "abson-nation of desolation" prevails there. The clergy have lost their control over indians and half-breeds, who declare that the bishop and his priests have sold them to the governm at. Unless/immediate assistance is randered starvation and misery stare the French half-breeds in the face.

### The Public Debt.

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The decrease of the public debt in the fiscas year which is to end in eight weeks will be over \$60,000.000. This will not be so great as in former years, but it shows a faster reduction than is generally supposed. The debt, deducting the \$443,000,000 cash in the treasury, is in round numbers \$1,400,000,000. At the present rate the total public debt will be wiped out in about 20 years.

For Riel's Defense.

The publishers of Le Metis, a French paper, published in Montreal, and other sympathizers with Riel, have started a fund to procure eminent counsel for Riel's defense. Hon. H. Mercler, leader of the liberal opposition in the Quebec assembly, is considering a request to take charge of the defense. He says that if he accepts he will make it a political trial and show that the government has treated the half-breeds unjustly.

# Important Decision.

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The Muscatine, lowa, Daily Journal publishes the full text of an important decision bearing upon an injunction proceeding under the state prohibitory law, rendered in writing by Judge French of the circuit court. Judge French holds that the first injunction proceeding issued against a saloon has priority to any other injunction proceeding against the same saloon. This is regarded as a great victory for the saloons, as sham injunction proceedings have been instituted by friends of saloons against nearly every saloon in Muscatine. The Temperance Alliance will appeal the case to the supreme court. supreme court.

White Slaves.

Several days ago a story appeared in one of the New York paper: related by a youth named Edward Santa. Rosa: who told of having been kidnapped at New Orleans and carried off to Puerto Barrios. Guatemala, where he and others were compelled to work on a railroad as a chain gang. Richard Hagiart, 16 years old, brother of a respected resident of Chicago, relates a similar experience. He states that while in New Orleans he was approached by the purser of the steamer Elia Knight and induced to go on board with the understanding that the craft was in the fruit-carrying trade, and was going to a port in Fiorda to load bananas. Under a like pretense 114 others were taken on board at New Orleans. The vessel went to Puerto Barrios instead, however, where they were landed in small boats, told off into gangs and compelled to work at making railroad ties and cutting away brush. The men were refused food when they were too sick to work, and some were placed in stocks and whipped. Finally some of the United States may a unthorities interfered and compelled the removal of the sick to the States. Hagiart succeeded in reaching New Orleans by this means still sick with fever, from the effects of which he is still suffering.

Riel an American Citizen.

A dispatch from Pt. Boniface, Man., says:

"The following statement regarding Riel's citizenship is made on the best authority. Riel took an active part late in 1883 or early in 1883 in the Montana territorial elections, having became an American citizen there. He created considerable excitement in the elections referred to, being an active worker for the Republicaus. Alter the election was over he was prosecuted, being accused of having induced several half-breeds to vote, though they had not the necessary qualifications; but before the prosecution got in the year of the afterwards acturned to Montana on a flying visit, brought his family and in the fall of 1883, he went up to the Saskatchewan county, where he has been ever since. There is no doubt whatever about his Ameriban citis oship."

The Toronto Mail, commenting on the above, says: "The question of citizenship being thus settled, Riel's case will be determined under 31 Vic., chapter 14, section 2, which reads as follows:

In case any person, being a citizen or sub-Riel an American Citizen.

ed, the Schate also concurring, expressing the confidence of the legislature, as a representative of the people, in the high integrity and honor of Mr. Lothcop, minister to Russia, and his ability to vindicate himself from the charges made by partisan papers.

May 23.—Senate—Bills passed: Authorizing appointment of register of probate; amending appointment of register of probate; amending appointment of register of probate; amending section 5824. Howell, relative to assess Jackson county; amending section 6818. Howell, relative to courts held by justices of the peace; amending prosecuting attorneys to furnish the attorney with a brief in all criminal cases in which an appeal is taken, was lost, but subsequently the vote was reconsidered and the bill tabled.

House—Bills passed: authorizing Brighton,

Prof. R. C. Kedzie, of the Agricultural college, has analyzed samples of well and hydrant water sent him from Plymouth, Pa., the scene of the malignant epidemic. The town gets its water supply from a mountain brook and an artesian well, with three dams or reservoirs. Cattle and other animals have free access to these reservoirs, and into them are drained all the decaying vegetable matter and filth of the mountain side. During the spring the reservoirs run dry, and the water company used Susquehanna river water, which had received the sewage of Wikesbarre, Pittston and Scranton and authour drips from numerous mines. A jar of well and one of hydrant water were analyzed. Both smelt horribly and were filled with flecks. The swell water gave 97.6 per cent of solids and the hydrant 10.2. Both gave a marked precipitat when tested for nitrates. Three inches of the well water gave 10.2. Both gave a marked precipitat when tested for nitrates. Three inches of the well water gave 11.

his analysis: "The well water is simply hor-rible. I have examined many bad waters, but never found one so utterly unfit for use. It belongs to the dung heap rather than the din-ner pot. It swarms with the low forms of life in countless numbers. The hydrant water contains the same animalcules, but in smaller number. The examination of this water awakens sur rise, not that many are sick in Plymouth, but that any should be well."

TERRIBLE LOSS OF LIFE.

Seventeen Persons Burned or Crushed to

Cincinnati has had its share of shocking disasters, but never has one happened where such pitiful loss of life has occurred as that which happened on the 21st inst., with so little occasion. In less than fifteen minutes after the fatal binder began sixteen or seventeen persons perished. Looking over the scene after the event it is very plain that every life could have been easily saved.

Short as the time was there were displays of thoughtful heroism that saved two lives, but one of the heroes lost his own life.

At half, past 1 o'clock in the afternoon, Mr. J. A. Green, city editor of the Times-Star, upon going up the stairway to his office saw dense clouds of smoke issuing from the rear windows of the building 19 and 21 West Sixth street, and immediately telephoned to the fire department. An alarm brought the engines almost instantly and as the firemen could reach the building from the front and rear, it was not fifteen minutes until the fire was so much under control that Chief Engineer Wisby was able to reach the fifth or top floor. But he was too late to reach the lifth for top floor. But he was too late to reach the proprietor, ran up the stairway to the first started, Juo, Sullivan, a young man, cousin of the proprietor, ran up the stairway to the firth floor to give warning to the girls. In a nity almost he found he was too late to get them down the stairway, and that his own retreat was cut off. What he did for the frightened girls could only be told by the glimpses that could be seen of him at the smoking window whence six of the girls had already leaped to their death. Two other men had gone to the roof of their building adjoining this on the west, and knowing the girls were imprisoned on the floor below, they procured a rope and lowered it to the window where Sullivan was. He instantly grasped it, and, fastening one of the girls to fi, helped her out of the window, the men lowered her safely to the sidewalk. The rope was brought up and Sullivan egain quickly fastened it to another rich and so here o

# THE CREAM OF THE NEWS. Tilden is writing his political memrois. Gen. Sheridan is on his way back from E

5 Maryland is undergoing the sco Licut. Greeley of Arctic fame, complains loss of mental vigor.

Hon. S. S. Cox, minister to Turkey will leave for his post, June 17. Indians and half-breeds in the Northwest are reported to be in danger of starvation. A daughter of Edwin Booth, the greatragedian, was married in Boston recently. The Plymouth, Pa., epidemic is dving ou here being 100 cases less than a week ago.

Lowest bids for postoffice department envelopes are much below those received last year. Commodore Truxs on commandant of Norfolk navy yard, has prohibited political discussion in the yard. Twenty-four business houses and 14 resi

ces were destroyed by fire in Cabery, Ill., on A bill to make access to the Niagara Falls sark free has been offered in the New York

Forest fires in Wisconsin have destroyed much valuable property. Many farmers have lost their all. Commissioner Black has recommended for dismissal the special examiner of his office for faisifying daily reports.

It is stated that the railroad companies will subscribe \$100,000 to have the New Orleans ex-

position opened next year.

Fresh indictments for frauds in the bureau of medicine and surgery have been found against Whittaker, Drew and Corrigan. A man named Odlum jumped from Brooklyn bridge to the river below, 135 feet. He recov-ered consiousness, but died in a few moments. The New Orleans exposition closes on the 31st inst. A subscription is being taken up by the citizens to carry it over until next winter.

Three union soldiers were recently discharged from the treasury watch. The Grand Army has taken the matter in hand and will investi-The steamer Alert has left Halifax for Hud-son's bay to bring home the men who spent last year at meteorological stations along Hudson's straits.

Cyclones and water spouts have donefgreat damage in Kansas and Nebraska. Much prop-erty has been destroyed, and several men, women and children killed.

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Rumored that the dominion government intends shortly to put an additional excise duty on whisky, increasing it to about \$1 per gallon on ordinary mait or rye whisky.

In accordance with the pledges made last fall, the loggers of the northwest have reduced the log supply of 1885 to 2,334,300,000 feet, that being 873,938,000 feet less than the output of 1884.

Rudolph, the finest Hereford bull in the world, the property of the Wyoming Hereford association, died in Cheyenne, after a veteria-ary surgical operation in which a tumor of 65 pounds was taken from him. He was valued at

The Illinois legislature has passed a bill providing that no telephone company shall charge more than three dollars per month where one telephone is used, \$2.50 where more than one is used, and fixing the rate on messages from one town to another at 10 cents.

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The attention of the Secretary of the Treasury has been called to the fact that large quantities of goods manufactured in Europe lave been imported from Canada at ports on our northern frontier which were invoiced in Canada at European values, and passed into the United States custom house without addition being made to raise invoice prices to the value of goods in Canadian markets.

Ex-Secretary of State Frelinghyusen died in Newark, N. J., May 20, after an illness of six weeks during which time he has been almost continually unconscious. Upon the receipt of the intell gence of the death of the ex-Secretary, Secretary Bayard telegraphed Mrs. Frelinghtysen as follows: "The President and his Cabinet have just heard with deep sensibility of the death of your honored busband. Accept from each and all of us expressions of sineare sympathy and condolence."

The Times scribe had an interview with W. C. Parker of Windfall, last week. Mr. Parker held a one-fifth ticket in the Louisiana State Lottery, No. 59,075, which drew \$15,000, one-fifth of the first capital prize of \$75,000. E. Perry held a half interest in the ticket purchased by Mr. Parker. The two named gentlemen, in company with their attorney, R. B. Beauchamp, went to New Orleans to draw the money. When they arrived there they had no trouble at all in procuring the \$15,000. They speak very highly of the company and say the people of New Orleans say that it is an honest, fair and reliable institution. It is recommended by the State Legislature, and that its check is good for a million dollars.—Tipion, Ind., Times, May 7.

## FACT AND FANCY.

An effort is being made to establish a library for railroad men in Buffalo. There were seven hundred less deaths

in Monterey, Mexico, during 1884 than during 1883. In Tampico, Mexico, pieces of card-board are in circulation, passing as quartillas—3 cents.

Diamond-back terrapins on one side and red herring on the other represent the two extremes of the Lenton seasor

While filling a water-tank in a pas-senger-car at Altoona, Pa., the other day, workmen found in it a trout eight The time for the transmission of

cable messages has been reduced to about one minute beween New York and London. A temperance society in Boston has just resolved that the use of tobacco for the gratification of the appetite is

"a sin against God and humanity."

Little Rhode Island sports an army of seven hundred men, commanded by five brigadier generals, fifty-five staff officers, and seventy-seven interior oficers.

The "lady" craze crops out in an advertisement in a New York paper which says: "A young lady would like position as dish washer in a res-taurant."

The Manchester Union points with pride to New Hampshire women who hasn't broken a lamp or a lamp chim-ney in thirty years. Perhaps she used gas or candles. It is reported that Queen Victoria has never eaten a piece of cake. This

accounts for her exemption from the general rule, "Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown." There is scarcely a farm in Backs county to-day, says The Doylestown (Pa.) Intelligencer, that would sell for more than the improvements in buildings and fences would cost.

The California legislature is considering a bill requiring scratching of tickets on election day to be done with ink. It is considered as in the interest of the manufacturers of the foun-

tain pen. Miss Mackey has married an Italian nobleman, and Mrs. Tom Thumb will soon espouse another. The marrying of these fellows to ladies able to support them will tend to abolish the hand-organ nuisance.

"Blood will tell, sir; blood will tell," said Mr. Oldfamily, proudly. "Yes," asserted his friend, Malthy; "so will breath. You may eat cloves and chew snake-root till you burst, and then your breath will give you dead away the minute you go into the house." Chattanooga, Tenn., has grown from 13,000 population in 1880 to 24,000 in 1885. The manufacturing capital of the city was \$2,792,000 in 1880. It is

now double that amount. Capital in wholesale trace is fully six times as great as the sum invested five years A German scientist has counted the hairs on his wife's head, and says they number 128,000 to the inch. The only thing which inclines us to doubt this story is the fact that as a rule the

counting is done by the other sex on their husbands' heads; but no figures have heretofore been given except by handfuls. A young gentleman who was pledged A young gentleman who was pledged to take a young lady to a party remarked on the afterneon previous to the event that he was going home to take a sleep in order to be fresh. "That's right," she replied, "but don't sleep too long." "Why?" he asked. "Because," she answered, "I don't

vant you to be too fresh." The Gainsville (Ga.) Press makes the following astounding announcement: 'Numerous diamonos have been found in our county of princely value, and are in existence to-day, ornamenting the bosoms or fingers of American poople. We know of one picked up in our streets a few weeks since. for which

the owner has been offered \$3,000." The reindeer skin suits for the Greely relief expedition were made in Norway at a cost to this government of \$55 apiece. At a recent sale a speculator of New York city bought them for \$5 apiece, and it is said he has now sold almost all of them at from \$40 to \$50 apiece. They have been bought as curiosities, and also to be converted into rugs.

A beautiful Auburn, Me., young lady of great attainments will soon be mar-ried to a deaf and dumb gentleman who lives in New York. He is a highly educated young man, and the ladies call him very handsome. His betroth-ed has learned the hand language so well that she converses with him as easily as with anybody. The history of their engagement is quite a romance, says The Lewiston Journal.

The council of the Onondaga Iudians are making arrangements for the coronation of a new civil chief in place of James Rubin, who died suddenly while driving a team of horses on Jan. 12. Representatives from other tribes will be in attendance. In accordance with the custom in the case of such a vacancy, the name -f the person upon whom the choice of the council has fallen will not be dis-

closed until next month. Some valuable hints to those who want to duly impress the natives of that part of the country, are given by The Lincoln (Neb.) Journal: All persons going south this winter should contemplate a tour south, and who sons going south this winter she learn to pronounce rounds The southern people, in making up their estimate of their visitors, are said to draw their line at roote. If you wish to be taken for a Kentuckian or a Virginian, always take occasion to say Arkansaw in a broad tone.

While the ice carnival may bring fish to the net of Montreal, it is not popular with the other cities in Canada. The Sarnia Canadian declares popular with the other cities in Canada. The Sarnia Canadian declares that Americans in general, through hearing of nothing save snow-shoes, toboggans, and ice palaces, get the idea that Ontario is a "frozen up country," with nine months of winter. "Not one out of a hundred of the people of Ontario," says The Canadian, "knows what a toboggan is like, and not one out of a thousand uses snow-shoes."

Hash has saved the lives of a great many people—by their not eating it. Hash is a noun, common—in boarding houses—often parsed and frequently declined, neuter gender, singular case. Shakespeare had it in mind when he wrote of "mineing matters." Hash is like a good many other things—it has to be taken largely on faith. Many people object to it, when they are not in reality accustomed to anything better. Those who are continually clamering for better fare should cat sawdust, which really fine board. Hash has saved the lives of a gree

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